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MEMORANDUM

To: Gary Moran, Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Millie Garcia-Serrano, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup
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From: Jan Sullivan, Director, Community Assessment Program
MDPH Bureau of Environmental Health

Cc: Marianne DeSouza, Director, New Bedford Health Department

Re: Update on MDPH Serum PCB Testing Program
Parker Street Waste Site, New Bedford

Date: March 9, 2010

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the blood serum testing program in New Bedford undertaken by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. As you may know, this program involved offering neighbors of the Parker Street Waste Site and school staff in the New Bedford High School and Keith Middle School a blood test to measure the level of PCBs in their blood serum. The majority of the blood samples were collected in February and March of last year. The samples were brought to the MDPH State Laboratory in Jamaica Plain for analysis. At the time of the blood draws, MDPH informed participants that the lab did not expect to complete all of the analyses until the end of December 2009. Unfortunately, because of all of the demands placed on the state lab, they did not complete the majority of the analyses until the end of February 2010. At this time, MDPH is evaluating all of the results received from the lab and expects to move forward with contacting participants to discuss their sample results in the first few weeks of April. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call us at 617 624-5757.